

(c) how much budget is allocated for the purpose and how much time will be taken to complete the task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) 51.20 Kilometer of this National Highway which is in Maharashtra and 204 Kilometer falling in Madhya Pradesh have been entrusted to Border Roads Organisation.

(b) The work for widening has just commenced in January, 2000. The works costing Rs. 2.02 crore were completed during 1999-2000.

(c) Budget allocated during the year 1999-2000 was Rs. 2.02 crore and allocation for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 24.82 crore. The work is scheduled for completion by 2012.

Special training to Drivers

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SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 60,000 people are killed every year in road accidents in the country;

(b) if so, what are the estimates of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that four wheeler vehicles play major role in these accidents;

(d) if so, whether Government have made any arrangements to provide special training to the four wheeler vehicle drivers; and

(e) if so, the details of the present arrangements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The figures of fatal accidents are based on the statistics made available by the State Governments. It has been reported by them that four wheelers are one of the major causes of such accidents.

(d) and (e) The Government of India has a Two Day Refresher Training to Heavy Vehicle Drivers in Unorganised Sector which is implemented through Non-Governmental Organisations and Driver Training Institutes. During last two years Rs. 19.25 lakhs has been given grants-in-aid to them.